



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY**



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Transportation Committee

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of sections 12 and 28 of Senate Bill 414.

These sections help Connecticut to comply with the federal Real ID Act. From a homeland security perspective, compliance with the Real ID Act will enhance public security in Connecticut as well as nationwide. Additionally, complying with Real ID licensing requirements will ensure that Connecticut motor vehicle licenses remain valid at security checkpoints, including airports, once the Real ID Act is fully implemented.

It is also important to note that if Connecticut is not Real ID compliant, passengers at Bradley Airport will likely encounter significant delays because of the requirement for enhanced security for anyone without a Real ID compliant license or a passport.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of this important piece of legislation.